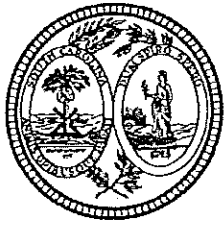


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April 7, 2011

Mr. B. K. Patel  
Stardust Motel  
1041 Jonesville Highway  
Jonesville, South Carolina 29353

2010-181-E

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Posted: lod  
Dept: N/A  
Date: 4/8/11  
Time: 11:05

Dear Mr. Patel:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence regarding Lockhart Power Company.

In March 2004 the General Assembly enacted legislation which created the Office of Regulatory Staff. As a result of that legislation, effective January of 2005 the Public Service Commission took on an exclusively quasi-judicial role. All resources for the investigation and resolution of consumer inquiries and complaints were assigned to the Office of Regulatory Staff.

In an attempt to address the concerns raised in your letter dated April 1, 2011, I am forwarding your letter to the Office of Regulatory Staff's Legal Department for handling.

The Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing at Union City Hall on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at 6 p.m. I have enclosed a copy of the Notice of Public Night Hearing.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

*Deborah Easterling*

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure:

c: Nanette Edwards, Esquire, Office of Regulatory Staff  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC NIGHT HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2010-181-E**

**APPLICATION OF LOCKHART POWER COMPANY FOR A RATE INCREASE**

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§58-27-860 and 58-27-870 (Supp. 2010), Lockhart Power Company (Lockhart or the Company) filed an application for a general increase in its electric rates with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission). Lockhart is a public utility operating in South Carolina, where it is engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity to the public for compensation.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a **Public Night Hearing** on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 31, 2011**, before the Public Service Commission at the Union City Hall, 101 Sharpe Avenue, Union, South Carolina 29379. Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the Application may do so at this hearing. All testimony will be given under oath.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission's offices by dialing (803) 896-5100 or by writing to the address below.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Clerk's Office  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, SC 29211

April 1, 2011

Re: B K Patel  
Account No.

To whom it may concern, I am enclosing copies of my bills to show the fees I am already paying.  
I am unsure of some of these fees and have received your letter stating you are going to raise your fees.  
I feel we are already paying too much, and want to know what these fees are and why you are going up on your fees.



CUSTOMER NO.  
B-K. PATEL  
1041 MOTEL JONESVILLE HWY  
DUE DATE 2/09/11

PREVIOUS BALANCE  
PAYMENTS  
BALANCE FORWARD

TYPE SVC	BILL DATE	SERVICE PERIOD		BILLING DAYS	METER READINGS		MULTI- PLIER	USAGE	AMOUNT
		FROM	TO		PREVIOUS	PRESENT			
C3	1/25/11	12/20-	1/21	32			80		KWH
BILLING DEMAND									KW

PURCHASED POWER ADJ.-C3 RATE 7,600 KWH @ .013580  
OUTDOOR LIGHT - 175 WATT  
S.C. SALES TAX .06000  
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

*Rec'd # 5195-*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LOCKHART POWER COMPANY

INCLUDE CUSTOMER NUMBER(S) ON CHECK

NOTICE:  
ALLS WILL BE DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID ON OR  
BEFORE THE DUE DATE INDICATED ABOVE.

SERVICE TO	NO. OF DAYS	USAGE	AVG. USE PER DAY
1/20/10	30		
2/19/10	30		
3/19/10	28		
4/19/10	31		
5/19/10	30		
6/18/10	30		
7/19/10	31		
8/20/10	32		
9/20/10	31		
10/20/10	30		
11/19/10	30		
12/20/10	31		
1/21/11	32		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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According to the Application, Lockhart's proposed rates will produce a rate of return on retail rate base of 12.5% during the Test Year after the appropriate pro forma adjustments have been made. Additionally, the Application reveals that the proposed rates will produce an overall increase in retail revenues of 2.51% or a \$337,676 annual increase over the present test year retail revenue. According to the Company, Lockhart has designed its rates in a way that will move each customer class toward the average rate of return, while mitigating the impact of the increase on any individual class of customers. The proposed rate revenue average increase to the residential class is 3.20%; commercial class is 4.48%; street lighting is 4.49%; and outdoor lighting is 4.98%. Amount and percentage increases vary by rate schedules within these classes, and individual customer bill increases may also vary depending upon actual usage pattern and amount of consumption. In addition, Lockhart intends to collect from its retail customers during the first month in which the proposed rates are in effect the unbilled revenue resulting from Lockhart's Purchased Power Adjustment Clause, the mechanics of which create a one-month delay in its collection.

A copy of the Company's Application and proposed rates and charges, as well as the proposed terms and conditions of service can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Clerk's Office, P. O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, Lockhart's Application is available on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina on **Monday, June 27, 2011, at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **April 4, 2011**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to **Docket No. 2010-181-E**.

Any party who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing concerning these matters should notify, in writing, the Clerk's Office at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire and Margaret M. Fox, Esquire, McNair Law Firm, PA, at P. O. Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 on or before **April 4, 2011**, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2010-181-E**.

**Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers should notify in writing**, the Clerk's Office at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire and Margaret M. Fox, Esquire, McNair Law Firm, PA, at P. O. Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 **on or before April 4, 2011**. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2010-181-E***.

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or participate as a party of record, may do so by notifying the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below on or before **April 4, 2011**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2010-181-E**.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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Attn: Clerk's Office  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina, 29211

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